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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed on August 25, 2004 and in accordance with the Rules of Practice, please consider the following amendments and remarks that follow.

Amendments to the Specification being on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks appear on page 5 of this paper.

Conclusion begin on page 11 of this paper.

A Petition for Extension of Time for a period of one (1) month from November 25, 2004 to and including December 25, 2004 is also enclosed with this submission.